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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued $251-$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued $100-$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000-$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
$100,000-$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
$20,000-$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $500 to $5,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	907,417	(X)	227,076	101,695	406,228	124,700	18,381	21,990	6,432,112	(X)	875,184	455,783	3,437,909	1,215,822	162,588	149,604
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	329,200	92,317	33,216	134,783	55,428	4,985	4,724	(X)	1,350,787	389,230	123,832	162,862	517,354	46,356	40,737
St. Albans, Vt.....	209	172	173	-	36	-	-	-	584	548	543	-	41	-	-	-
Boston, Mass.....	23,675	13,347	3,972	9	19,049	333	159	153	224,632	125,023	18,440	141	198,316	3,191	2,703	1,842
Buffalo, N.Y.....	2,744	2,556	2,579	-	163	(Z)	1	(Z)	29,943	23,563	23,769	-	6,167	4	3	1
New York City, N.Y.....	381,442	121,598	32,593	24,710	260,167	48,485	2,827	12,662	3,266,031	48,986	203,882	178,732	2,278,575	483,001	30,327	91,516
Philadelphia, Pa.....	6,183	3,425	846	11	3,889	1,177	22	237	60,052	32,023	4,052	131	39,815	13,750	300	2,004
Baltimore, Md.....	723	659	512	5	175	28	-	3	2,993	2,544	1,196	392	991	391	-	24
Savannah, Ga.....	2,479	2,291	1,010	125	1,279	12	-	55	10,121	7,163	2,843	1,721	3,346	763	-	1,448
Tampa, Fla.....	1,225	614	1,112	37	5	(Z)	-	71	3,243	461	2,118	901	132	1	-	91
New Orleans, La.....	5,052	2,145	4,112	891	39	7	(Z)	3	13,259	5,412	11,704	1,110	377	49	4	14
Laredo, Tex.....	2,975	1,411	2,648	19	71	237	-	1	8,405	4,575	7,455	127	235	556	-	32
El Paso, Tex.....	1,177	1,161	1,166	-	10	1	-	-	7,413	7,178	7,211	-	139	63	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	419	254	401	(Z)	14	4	-	-	1,484	799	1,171	1	210	101	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	54,225	19,963	9,806	1,866	17,767	20,628	3,638	521	634,569	215,564	91,577	19,408	225,575	254,053	36,269	7,687
San Francisco, Calif....	35,597	19,484	2,282	618	3,478	23,326	5,559	334	393,128	153,614	16,767	4,740	40,704	266,013	63,040	1,864
Portland, Oreg.....	839	791	148	1	673	9	-	8	10,024	9,735	673	2	9,097	201	-	51
Seattle, Wash.....	9,321	6,647	2,801	186	1,749	4,162	158	265	111,735	70,757	23,756	3,734	25,004	52,773	2,444	4,024
Anchorage, Alaska.....	548	324	331	-	103	114	-	-	5,555	2,528	262	-	789	4,504	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	3,005	2,044	339	-	29	1,536	1,099	3	20,730	12,694	1,315	-	526	9,070	9,761	57
Great Falls, Mont.....	392	392	392	-	(Z)	-	-	-	4,531	4,531	4,528	-	3	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	29	7	23	-	6	-	-	-	424	50	72	-	352	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	2,897	2,707	1,282	-	306	1,176	59	73	33,003	25,241	8,992	-	8,520	12,032	1,170	2,289
Duluth, Minn.....	219	185	146	-	34	(Z)	-	39	698	626	529	-	63	15	-	92
Detroit, Mich.....	14,699	12,668	3,205	247	10,643	231	102	272	75,443	65,146	16,792	546	55,266	932	456	1,450
Chicago, Ill.....	70,223	33,740	19,392	106	42,100	6,949	159	1,517	486,054	226,611	130,729	494	289,959	54,944	761	9,168
Cleveland, Ohio.....	4,356	1,071	3,356	3	764	110	110	13	26,756	8,320	19,241	26	6,923	394	93	79
St. Louis, Mo.....	558	365	59	24	184	290	-	1	10,328	3,649	445	32	2,492	7,346	-	14
San Juan, P.R.....	9,678	6,395	8,383	1,073	151	6	(Z)	65	29,365	12,162	13,833	10,452	4,425	43	49	563
Miami, Fla.....	132,676	60,819	70,811	59,554	1,841	315	16	138	380,149	161,339	157,792	202,276	15,430	2,110	90	2,451
Houston, Tex.....	10,463	4,907	3,586	1,517	1,968	1,298	106	1,989	65,070	25,835	16,343	2,530	19,345	12,689	3,139	11,024
Washington, D.C.....	6,973	2,109	26	991	5,699	126	-	131	128,839	14,937	110	8,362	118,885	915	-	567
All other districts.....	1,556	1,200	272	92	745	258	43	146	9,555	8,710	790	356	4,585	2,951	511	363
Shipments under $251....	113,514	NA)	49,318	9,611	33,094	13,881	4,321	3,290	242,774	(NA)	86,255	19,570	81,623	32,967	11,468	10,890
Special category.....	7,347	3,748	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	135,223	70,464	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 2. **Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent**

(Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	823,412	(X)	93,479	68,302	440,202	212,764	4,900	2,849	4,014,677	(X)	330,283	119,512	2,389,937	1,060,144	31,179	82,506
U.S. flag carriers.....	X)	376,289	38,912	31,272	180,608	122,991	1,812	693	(X)	1,907,987	148,098	54,704	1,033,959	640,043	13,970	17,213
St. Albans, Vt.....	185	78	107	(Z)	72	5	-	(Z)	759	595	443	8	289	13	-	6
Boston, Mass.....	28,179	14,347	1,818	128	25,688	417	14	114	116,771	62,319	6,048	400	108,045	1,828	73	378
Buffalo, N.Y.....	1,791	1,441	1,381	130	228	52	(Z)	(Z)	15,332	13,461	12,802	29	2,150	252	1	98
New York City, N.Y.....	395,197	175,425	8,129	22,452	302,011	60,122	889	1,594	2,184,296	901,043	57,566	67,258	1,682,536	303,633	8,330	64,972
Philadelphia, Pa.....	6,213	3,821	51	10	5,927	179	4	42	68,778	50,878	408	66	56,487	1,195	41	10,581
Baltimore, Md.....	1,529	1,223	166	2	1,051	273	4	33	11,030	7,431	1,789	13	7,991	606	354	277
Savannah, Ga.....	1,330	1,189	208	6	1,109	8	-	-	7,842	7,160	1,417	65	6,333	27	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	215	51	97	75	36	7	-	-	2,189	241	721	64	1,385	18	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	3,406	1,022	3,122	52	204	28	-	-	3,498	2,067	2,031	999	369	100	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	1,490	1,313	1,407	45	6	30	2	-	3,631	2,237	3,250	3	186	186	7	-
El Paso, Tex.....	118	94	104	(Z)	7	7	-	-	4,278	4,129	4,148	1	59	70	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	75	32	46	(Z)	25	4	-	-	815	117	188	(Z)	598	29	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	66,773	33,119	2,759	772	10,810	51,182	1,165	86	424,693	200,669	44,341	4,466	98,360	266,356	10,077	1,093
San Francisco, Calif....	61,531	46,759	582	159	2,821	56,785	1,153	33	396,467	283,199	9,235	658	21,697	357,483	7,232	161
Portland, Oreg.....	339	330	28	-	213	95	1	3	1,760	1,696	229	-	1,140	341	7	43
Seattle, Wash.....	12,364	10,392	1,113	-	1,789	9,450	12	(Z)	71,756	52,756	23,837	-	10,950	36,665	298	5
Anchorage, Alaska.....	521	361	25	-	145	351	(Z)	-	2,707	1,270	211	-	1,481	1,007	7	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	6,238	2,925	290	(Z)	93	5,488	366	-	27,135	12,570	456	3	3,232	21,108	2,336	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	151	120	150	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	1	2,307	2,079	2,289	-	5	12	-	1
Pembina, N. Dak.....	237	221	222	-	13	2	-	-	2,029	1,837	1,979	-	43	6	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	1,123	864	63	(Z)	446	608	(Z)	6	7,095	5,852	1,504	30	3,705	1,797	1	58
Duluth, Minn.....	15	13	15	-	Z)	(Z)	-	-	161	152	158	-	3	1	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	9,575	8,067	2,682	6	6,642	233	2	10	36,250	28,234	9,414	99	25,509	1,168	8	53
Chicago, Ill.....	38,602	17,737	3,184	146	28,009	7,030	33	200	277,909	134,094	40,328	792	196,145	37,626	626	2,392
Cleveland, Ohio.....	1,352	308	465	(Z)	711	176	-	-	7,960	1,281	3,715	1	3,778	466	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	108	77	13	1	81	13	-	(Z)	1,261	990	213	4	956	81	-	7
San Juan, P.R.....	20,826	4,631	15,818	3,275	1,628	95	(Z)	11	26,401	7,787	13,535	3,869	8,652	288	(Z)	56
Miami, Fla.....	78,664	41,764	37,098	38,251	2,447	855	2	11	117,718	56,207	61,391	36,556	17,573	1,966	39	192
Houston, Tex.....	3,464	1,761	1,577	149	1,423	268	2	45	37,612	13,025	11,151	854	22,185	2,132	24	1,265
Washington, D.C.....	5,823	5,460	142	10	5,574	87	1	9	42,374	39,700	403	41	41,318	523	13	76
All other districts.....	3,028	1,343	303	5	2,080	472	167	-	22,918	12,911	2,505	31	19,329	670	384	-
Shipments under $251....	72,949	(NA)	10,316	2,628	38,913	18,444	1,084	650	88,947	(NA)	12,577	3,204	47,447	22,490	1,321	792

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